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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

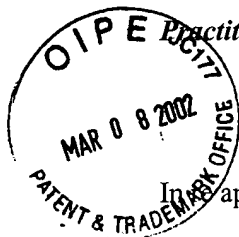
  
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COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS  
— NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

(check and complete this item, if applicable)

- I. ☒ This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533) mailed December 11, 2001.

NOTE: If these papers are filed before the office letter issues, adequate identification of the original papers should be made, e.g., in addition to the name of the inventor and title of invention, the filing date based on the "Express Mail" procedure, the serial number from the return post card or the attorney's docket number added.

- ☒ A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application—Filing Date Granted (Form PTO-1533) is enclosed.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being:

MAILING

- ☒ deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Date: March 4, 2002

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- ☐ transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office.

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NOTE: The PTO requires that a copy of Form PTO-1533 be returned with the response to the notice to file missing parts to the application.

## DECLARATION OR OATH

- II. ☒ No declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

NOTE: If the correct inventor or inventors are not named on filing a nonprovisional application under § 1.53(b) without an executed oath or declaration under § 1.63, the later submission of an executed oath or declaration under § 1.63 during the pendency of the application will act to correct the earlier identification of inventorship. 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(f)(1).

## OR

- ☐ The declaration or oath that was filed was determined to be defective. A new original oath or declaration is attached.

NOTE: For surcharge fee for filing declaration after filing date complete item VI(3) below.

NOTE: "The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed after the filing date are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.63:

"(1) name of inventor(s), and application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number; e.g., 08/123,456);

"(2) name of inventor(s), serial number and filing date;

"(3) name of inventor(s) and attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed;

"(4) name of inventor(s), title which was on the specification as filed and filing date;

"(5) name of inventor(s), title which was on the specification as filed and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration; or

"(6) name of inventor(s), title which was on the specification as filed and accompanied by a cover letter accurately identifying the application for which it was intended by either the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number; e.g., 08/123,456), or serial number and filing date. Absent any statement(s) to the contrary, it will be presumed that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the oath or declaration."

Notice of Jul. 13, 1995 (1177 O.G. 60); M.P.E.P. § 601.01(a), 6th ed., rev. 3.

NOTE: Another minimum found acceptable in the declaration is the filing date (i.e., date of express mail) and the express mail number, useful where the serial number is not yet known. But note the practice where the express mail deposit is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday within the District of Columbia. 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(c).

(complete (c) or (d), if applicable)

Attached is a

- (c) ☐ Statement by a registered attorney that the application filed in the PTO is the application that the inventor executed by signing the declaration.
- (d) ☐ Statement that the "attached" specification is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto that were filed in the PTO to obtain the filing date.

### AMENDMENT CANCELING CLAIMS

- III. ☐ Cancel claims \_\_\_\_ inclusive.

### TRANSMITTAL OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS

- IV. ☐ Submitted herewith is an English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. Also submitted herewith is a statement by the translator of the accuracy of the translation. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the PTO.

NOTE: For fee processing a non-English application, complete item VI(5) below.

NOTE: A non-English oath or declaration in the form provided or approved by the PTO need not be translated. 37 C.F.R. § 1.69(b).

NOTE: The translation for a regular application filed in a foreign language must be verified. 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).

### SMALL ENTITY STATUS

- V. ☐ A statement that this filing is by a small entity
- (check and complete applicable items)*
- ☐ is attached.
- ☐ A separate refund request accompanies this paper.
- ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (original).

### COMPLETION FEES

#### VI.

**WARNING:** Failure to submit the surcharge fees where required will cause the application to become abandoned. 37 C.F.R. § 1.53.

NOTE: For effect on fees of failure to establish status, or change status, as a small entity, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a).

#### 1. Filing fee

☐ original patent application  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a)--\$760.00; small entity--\$380.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ design application  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(f)--\$310.00; small entity--\$155.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Fees for claims

- ☐ each independent claim in excess of 3  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)--\$78.00; small entity--\$39.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ each claim in excess of 20  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c)--\$18.00; small entity--\$9.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ multiple dependent claim(s)  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d)--\$260.00; small entity--\$130.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Surcharge fees

- ☐ late payment of filing fee  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)--\$130.00; small entity--\$65.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- and/or*
- ☒ late filing of original declaration or oath  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)--\$130.00; small entity--\$65.00) \$ 130.00

*NOTE: Even where a facsimile declaration or oath signed by the inventor(s) was part of the originally filed papers, the surcharge fee is required.*

*NOTE: If both the filing fee and declaration or oath were missing from the original papers, only one surcharge fee for both need be paid. 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e).*

4. ☐ Petition and fee for filing by other than  
all the inventors or a person not the inventor  
(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(i) and 1.47--\$130.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
5. ☐ Fee for processing an application filed with  
a specification in a non-English language  
(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(k) and 1.52(d)--\$130.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☐ Fee for processing and retention of application  
(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.21(l) and 1.53(d)--\$130.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Assignment (See "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET".) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(l) establishes a fee for processing and retaining any application which is abandoned for failing to complete the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) and this, as well as, the changes to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 and 1.78 indicate that in order to obtain the benefit of a prior U.S. application, either the basic filing fee or the processing and retention fee of § 1.21(l) within 1 year of notification under § 1.53(f) must be paid.*

Total completion fees \$ 130.00